

Rembrandt

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Early Years:

In the year 1606, on July 15, Rembrandt van Rijn was born. He lived in Holland and wasn't interested in school. He liked to draw and his father encouraged Rembrandt's talent. In 1621 Rembrandt went to study with Jacob van Swanenburg. Then, after three years, Rembrandt left to study with Pieter Lastman. In 1625, Rembrandt opened an art studio. He painted Bible scenes and sold them. People hired him to paint them.

The Blinding of Samson



Mid-Life:

Young Jew as Christ



In 1631, Rembrandt moved to Amsterdam. When Rembrandt was in Amsterdam, Dr. Nicolaes Tulp hired Rembrandt to paint him with several other doctors studying a dead body. Nicolaes and the doctors liked it. In 1634, Rembrandt married Saskia van Uglenburgh. Rembrandt was busy during that time. Rembrandt got a lot of money but he spent it. Rembrandt had some students that mixed paints and drew the outlines.

Then Rembrandt filled the outline in and added detail. In Amsterdam he visited the countryside and drew landscapes. He used sketches to make new artwork. He also made etchings. Etchings are pictures made on a plate of metal. It's covered with ink to print. Etchings gained him more fame.

Later Years:

In 1641, Titus, Rembrandt's son, was born and Rembrandt's wife died. Rembrandt spent his time working on paintings and etchings. One year later Captain Cocq hired Rembrandt to paint a life-sized painting of him and the soldiers. In 1643 Rembrandt finished the painting. Cocq liked it, but a lot of the soldiers didn't like it because they couldn't be seen very well.

It is known as *The Night Watch*.
When Rembrandt's wife was alive
he drew portraits of her such as
Saskia as Flora.

Saskia as Flora



The Night Watch



Final Years:

In 1649, Rembrandt hired a nurse, Hendrickje Stoffles, to take care of Titus. Rembrandt married Hendrickje. In 1654, they had a daughter whom they named Cornelia. In 1656, Rembrandt sold almost everything, including his house. Then he moved his family to a small house. His family was then poor. In 1660, Hendrickje and Titus opened an art shop and sold Rembrandt's work. In 1663, His wife died. In 1668, Titus died. When Rembrandt was 63, on October 4, 1669 he died.

Hendrickje Bathing in a River



Portrait of Titus



Where You Can Find His Works:

- Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York
- Louvre Museum in Paris
- National Gallery in London
- Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam